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YELLOWSTONE COUNTY
2007 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

- 1) Public Defender Legislation**
- 2) Tax Increment Financing District (TIFD)**
- 3) Subdivision Review Legislation**
- 4) 72-Hour Presumptive Eligibility/
Pre-commitment Legislation**
- 5) Resort Tax/Local Option**
- 6) County Attorneys Salary**
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- 8) Veterans Cemetery Legislation**
- 9) Senior Services Legislation**
- 10) TSEP Grants (Bridge Project)**
- 11) Others**

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- 1) **Public Defender Legislation** - We support the bill going forward from the interim committee and believe that the cap on the county contribution is correct after reviews and audits of the 7 major counties.
- 2) **Tax Increment Financing District (TIFD)** -The county supports changes in the tax increment financing district to broaden the scope of the financing districts to include the authority for counties and cities to enact a limited revenue source.
- 3) **Subdivision Review Legislation** - We will be monitoring a number of proposed legislations dealing with subdivisions and will work to maintain local control over subdivision decisions.
- 4) **72-Hour Presumptive Eligibility/Pre-commitment Legislation** -
Yellowstone County supports 72-hour Presumptive Eligibility paid for by the State of Montana for the first 72-hours in inpatient and outpatient facilities. The County also supports a 6-day cap on the evaluation process for commitments. We feel that, in the best interest of the consumer, a speedy evaluation will help on the road to recovery.

The County also supports more funding for the Mental Health Service Plan (MHSP). We truly believe that so many mentally ill residents fall through the cracks and need services in the community. We believe more funding for local services is best for consumers.
- 5) **Resort Tax/Local Option** - We support removal of the population cap on the resort tax. The county also supports the local option tax with voter approval. We will monitor local option proposals.
- 6) **County Attorneys Salary** - We support the interim committees bill on county attorneys salary. This is a 50/50 split with the State of Montana and includes benefits.
- 7) **Maintain Entitlement Program** - We will monitor throughout the legislative session any bills that would reduce the percentage and the amount due to counties.
- 8) **Veterans Cemetery Legislation** - We will push for legislation hopefully supported by all the Yellowstone County delegation to give us the authority to expend the Veterans Cemetery levy.
- 9) **Senior Services Legislation** - We will support funding for senior services. We support adequate funding for Meals on Wheels, transportation and many senior programs we have in this community (we will closely monitor the request for senior trust fund).
- 10) **TSEP Grants (Bridge Project)** - The county will support Yellowstone County projects funded by the Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP). Currently, the 11th St. Bridge over the Big Ditch is designated for funding.
- 11) **Others**